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James G. Thompson

Drawn by Charlotte
Miss West

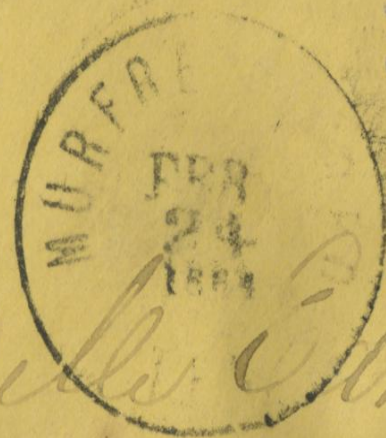
you can use your
own pleasure as to where
the you come in. I
don't know what en-
sharved are to get on place
in Mexico and if you
had rather and have
pleasantly situated you
can stay with Misses
till they start home. I
don't know until they
passer when you will
go. I have not heard
since from home since
I sent you last time.
I am yours truly

Mrs. P. had been out
again with the squad
of banders and made
but little. I think it
will be best if you don't
go home. When it is
necessary to make a journey
it is going back to the
city. The only thing I can
do is to see no suffering much
for me. I don't think
I have to leave. I will not
leave until I feel that will
be my only chance.
I can get as young

Think best. I have not
one in - I have the children
I have under many other
gations for my life. I have
the children of my life.
Children - I have not
You must not think
any thing of it if I have
What - I have - I have not
as in a conference with
me. I have all I have
I have, I have, I have
I have, I have, I have
This case may have
to leave this evening -
and it is the only chance
to end. The children are
I have, I have, I have
You have, I have, I have

I don't know
who. signed by
Susan B. Williams

Mrs B. B. Edwards



Wm
Mr. Belle Edmonson
Care of Messrs Ogile & Brothers
Memphis
Tenn.

Castle Garden - Feb 23rd 1864

My dear dear Belle.

Your very welcome letter was received a day or two since & but that I was on the eve of starting to visit a friend - (a pious & happy soul's family) would have been answered immediately. To tell you how much pleasure it gave me, could only be to tell you what you, knowing my affection for you, must know. I had not heard you were married, but I had understood from Minnie you were gone South & probably would be before your return - but your signature shows you are not - & I fear clouds have arisen in your husband's sky - if so - I know you are not to blame, - but I can't write you of all this, but hope to talk to you about many things soon - I have hoped until heart sick - to be able to go to Memphis - but pecuniary disappointments have prevented. Quite a sum of money was expected to me on the 13th of Dec, which I have not heard from - it was Sales' arrears of pay - and as this it will take some time to investigate it - I fear I shall not get it - I am now trying to raise money otherwise - Can't tell him I will succeed - but if I do - I will be down soon. I wrote to Mr. Peter Miller to know how I could succeed in getting boarders - I think that the most profitable business one can engage in - & if he writes me encouragingly I will go directly - I must have money.

Trade is brisk here, every thing very high, but the whole country is desolated. Mr. Dytle's estates lying immediately around town have been entirely destroyed I mean the timber & improvements. Negroes are in perfect rebellion - No one in the country dares correct them. I have just got this' humbling one - A few days since she spoke impudently to Lemmie - I asked her why she did so - She refused to answer me - I thought I had taken up the shield to knock her down - but then the broom which I broke over her head - this morning Vate came down I sent him for her, & when she came in (my room) I locked the door & told her I intended whipping her & if she submitted quietly I would not tie her - She refused to be whipped - I told Vate to tie her - She resisted I drew my fist on her - he succeeded then in getting the strap around her hands & knocked her down - I laid it out - till she yelled - & then - till she stopped - & then till she promised she never would speak impudently or be otherwise than perfectly obedient to me - Now that Negro has been the torment of the house because it has been thought no one could whip her - She said they should not - I would have done it at any hazard, and if every one here would have done the same thing there would not have been half the trouble.

How much I am obliged to you all for
your kindness to my dear boy - I know he
is clever & fine looking and my heart bleeds to
know he is where he is - but being in, may
he bear himself nobly - honoring his Father's Memory.

This war has been a test of & trial of friendship
& affection. I feel as much love for those I did
love; now as then - I know our difference - but
either the affection of others for me was not so
strong as mine for them, or, that we are differently
constituted, has caused great difference in the
demonstration on their part - I hope however,
all will yet be well with all of us.

I imagine you in your office with
Laura, Liza, & Beniah - And very earnestly
want to join you. My room here is off in
a wing with the Colonnade between it & the main
building, so that I enjoy full quiet. Emily has
been quite ill the greater part of the winter, for
6 weeks we thought she would fall into
rapid Consumption - She is however recovering
and not yet able to go to school. - She is a
peculiar Child - reads Burns' poetry with as
much avidity as I would - I fear she is
too much like you & I - ever to be as happy
as Nan generally is. I have to write to Nan
& I add beside other letters - to remembering Em.
- Miss love to you, I am dear Belle, you
aff friend. E.D.

When I know I can come & at what time
I will write you immediately & I shall
want to go out. My purse or inclination
will not bear many days sojourn at the
grayoso, and I don't suppose I can hire
a conveyance.

Ordinance Office,

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT,

Selma, Ala., April 19th 1864.

Miss Bell Edmondson

My dear friend, having an opportunity to write you a line by Mr. Clavidge I hasten to do so without the hope of writing you any news or say anything that will interest you - Genl Forrest is creating more excitement now than any body else and I suppose you hear from him oftener than we do - Every thing is looking very cheerful down in Dixie, and every body looking forward to big news from Richmond, Va, in a very short time, perhaps in a week or two - I have not heard from my wife since I wrote to you last, in my last letter to her I told ~~you~~ her that you had the package (pin &c) for her & that some of these times it would come to hand all right - I hope you will write me very soon, if not before write to Mr. Clavidge when he returns - All of your friends & acquaintances this way are well - I have had frequent letters from the Texas Miss Depp recently all well & in good spirits and looking forward to active times soon - We are hearing glorious news from over there now, a big victory is rumored, and indeed confirmed somewhat through the Federal papers; but as yet we have had no particulars - I hope this hurried letter will find you well and that you ^{will} write immediately to your friend & then send

Thos H. Price

I would write to Mrs. Vantook, or
to her sister in Schma, though you,
but I can tell them nothing to
relieve their anxiety, or offer
them any consolation in this
hour of sorrow and suspense.
I can but faintly realize the
distress of mind and agony
of heart which ^{the} poor woman
must undergo, or her feelings,
when she looks upon her dear
little children ^{and thinks of being} who if living,
is yet dead to her and them.
May God support her, and
may she find much consolation
in the knowledge that he
was a firm believer in the
religion, and an humble and
upright follower, of, his
Heavenly Master ———
I knew him, as well as Mr. & H.,
intimately, perhaps as well as
any other person, and can
speak most highly of them,
and both the deepest sympathy
of Mrs. Curtis, myself are theirs,

Should I leave in the slightest
of my Vaultbook. I will advise
you, in the meantime the contents
of this letter can be forwarded
to them, by you, if you think
best to do so, with our best love,

May I ask you, if I should
write a letter or two
to some friends, ^(including our friends) in the south
if they could be forwarded
by you. If so I should feel
myself greatly obliged as I
have not had an opportunity
of doing so, since I was
south now 3 years since.

Apologising to you, Miss
Edmondson, for the length
of this letter.

I subscribe myself
your very obedt Servt

Auntie

my address is
No 298 Water St
N. Y.

Feb 25th 1864 -

Mr Perkins -

Fannie informed me of your kind offer to take the letters I have for the Army - most of them are for Gen Breckenridge I have tried to fix them to give you as little trouble as possible - and I will be under lasting obligations to you to carry them safe to the different commands - they are for the poor Mrs Hy. ne from their home - I know you have been a Soldier long enough to interest yourself in this cause - If it is in your power please deliver them in person - you are in Johnston's Army - Polk and I think Breckenridge too you will find at Murfreesboro or near, if you do not go through Mobile please send by some reliable person - The carrier of this mail was captured, it has had a hard time getting through - With a blessing for both yourself and the package - a pleasant trip, and safe arrival I am as ever a true friend^{to} all Rebels -
Bill Edmondson

Miss Belle Edmondson

Dear Belle

If it will be convenient will you send some of the articles you so kindly offered to get out for me by Mrs Royster as she will bring them direct to me. Please get my Belts & Gloves black also the hat suitable for winning. The Blanket I requested you to get for Louise you need not get as it is so late in the winter but get him his Suit of Clothes as directed & if possible get one a hat for him. If Mrs Royster should hand you some money will you be so kind as to get me the Black Granidine I spoke to you about but what ever you do I will be perfectly satisfied & hope to do as much for you some day.

All your Friends are well, I saw Mrs Backler when she passed through Selma, Hollie & Martha are still in Mobile. Tell Mrs McCormick if you see her, that I received her message by Mrs Hunt and sorry she did not write & that you will attend to getting the things for me. Write to me. Your friend,

Mrs Jno Hudson

Send Mr. Wm. W. W.
Camp 8 7/8 3/4

Wife Bill

I saw your 'sisters' today,
and he told me that the things of mine had
not been sent when he left home but said
you would see that they were gotten for me and
sent by your 'sister' if they have not been sent
by this time you see this I wish you would
try and send for them for I don't know what
I shall do if I don't get my clothes as I have
without any as you saw yourself my kind
regards to all

Remain Yours
Very Respectfully
Edwin A. Johnson

Miss Bell Edmonson
At Home

Application for Furlough under General Orders, No. 227.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

The bearer hereof John Webb a Private of Captain M. M. Patrick Company 24th 54th Regiment of Tenn Colls aged 23 years, 5 feet, 9 inches high, Light complexion, Grey eyes, Dark hair, and by profession a Carpenter, born in the Ireland and enlisted at Memphis in the State of Tennessee on the 24 day of April 1861, to serve for the period of one year, is hereby permitted to go to Panola in the County of Panola, State of Mississippi, he having received a Furlough from the 1 day of October 1861, to the 10 day of November 1861, at which period he will rejoin his Company or Regiment at Dalton Ga or wherever it then may be, or be considered a deserter.

Subsistence has been furnished to said Corporal John Webb to the 1 day of January 1862, and pay to the 31 day of December 1861, both inclusive.

Given under my hand at Dalton Ga this 12 day of January 1862.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDER.

I Certify, on honor—

1. That I have 34 ~~thirty~~ enlisted men actually present for duty in my Company.
2. That no one is ~~absent~~ absent on Furlough under this order.
3. That none furloughed under this order remain absent without leave.
4. No other applications for the same thirty men is pending.
5. That John Webb has been furnished with transportation home and back on Furlough of indulgence.
6. That John Webb has not received commutation home and back in lieu of Furlough.
7. That Corporal Webb wishes to go to Panola County, State of Mississippi and not elsewhere.

Wm E. Grath Lieut

Commanding 24th 54th
154th Inf Tenn Colls

New York Apr

1864

Miss Belle Edmondson

Memphis

Tenn

It is now some
3 months since I rec^d a short
note from a lady friend Mrs M
A Vanthook of Selma Ala. for-
merly of Columbus Miss, forwarded
I presume through your hands,
and to whom I was obliged, by her,
to write you whatever I may know,
or hear of her sisters husband
Mr Geo W Vanthook of Columbus
who has been missing since July
1862, having left his home for
"Nashville", and not since been heard
from — I immediately took
such steps to find out what I
could in regard to him by writing
to parties at Nashville, and by
advertising in the "Herald" of
this city, in the hope that the

Transportation furnished in kind from Canton to

Panola

S. A. Shurtledge
Capt. Regt.

Color

Jan 16-1864

Genl. S. B. Stanford
Prof. 20th

Transportation furnished in kind
from Canton and to Jackson Regt

a. 20 Aug.
Ad. Cos. Ninamang Corps
July 14/64
Respectfully forwarded
approved for 20 days
for Maj. G. M. Anderson
Anderson
a. a. g.

Ad. G. Army Train
July 14/64
Approved for Twenty
four days
By Command of
Genl. Johnston,
C. Williams
a. a. g.

Received by the
10th
sent to the
10th

134th for 13th Regt
Vaughan's Brigade
Hudman's Division
Hudman's Corps
3757

Application for burial
under Genl. 227

Second Series
Number 1

Respectfully forwarded
Approved
M. Magnum for
Coleman

Respy forwarded app'd
twenty four days.

A. J. Vaughan
Brig Genl. Comd.

Ad. G. S. Ninamang Div.
13th Jan 7. 1864 -
Respy. for'd Approved
for 24 days -
Prof. Anderson.
Brig. Genl. Comd.

TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, C. S. A.
QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Dalton Geo Jan 14 1864.
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.....
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and charge to account against War Department of the Confederate States.

No. *20120*

Wm. S. Pranceford
.....
Major and Quartermaster.

latter might reach some party who
could give me some information
about him — but up to this time
I have not a line to aid me,
and I have now sent to "Nashville"
to have an advertisement inserted
in the paper there, trusting it
may lead to hearing something
of him, — but Miss Edmondson,
I very greatly fear from the
length of time which has elapsed
since he was last seen or heard
from, that we shall never see
him more, though I will pray
for his beloved wife's & children's
sake, that he may be heard
of, and how his last hours
were passed, if happily, so far
as his mental or physical state,
it would be a melancholy
gratification — if not so — it
were well not to know anything

I saw an old friend from
Columbus, who left there in
Sept last, but of course he
could not tell any thing regarding
him,

No. _____

Provost Marshal's Office,

Dalton, Ga., May 16th 1864.

Pass

John Webb

to


Panola Miss

VOUCHER:

Harlow

John Lane

Cy. and Provost Marshal.



Panola Miss
Jan 2nd / 64

Miss Edmonson.

If you have a letter
for S. P. Walker Jr. you will oblige me
very much to send it to Capt Henderson
who will forward to me

you will oblige
W. P. Walker

Near Corns, Jan, 26. 1864

Dear Miss Belle,

Your kind report was
recd? & I am obliged to you for it. You will
do so again if you can I know. Miss
Helen Capt Mrs & Ashell & family are all
well. I have the pants on you sent down
fit first rate. you omitted to send down
the cost. I have got a few S.B. on hand & you
will please report the amt. before they get
away. I am mighty lousy & have seen but
little of the Ladies yet, if the Yankees will
let us remain here, hope to see more of
them from this time forw? - The 2 Bobs
Salt are here, one damaged, what
shall I do with them? We have no
news of importance from the South.
I send you latest papers. with kind
regards to your Father & all the family
I am

Your friend truly
Thos. Henderson

Miss Belle Edmondson
Near Memphis
Tenn

Cash. Abington Jan 27th 64
Miss Edmondson.

Your letter
of the 7th we recd. And as
was perused with many
thanks to you from the
Family for your kindness.
As Mother & Father derived
new inspiration by having
the satisfaction of hearing
from him through your
kindness My Parents
are very thankful for
forwarding the letter. And
trust - you will always
have the power, to make
all that ask of you happy.
I wish you to inform him
we all are as comfortable
as he can desire. Again
let me send my regards.

Memphis, Tenn., *Jan 23 1864*

Miss Belle Edmondson

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to you in behalf of my
Brother

I remain Truly,

Yours. D. B. Mc Carthy

P.S. I hope you will be
so kind & condescending
as to let us know as often
as possible concerning his
safety - D. B. Mc Carthy.

Miss Belle Edmondson,

Memphis
Tenn.

Glickman, Ky. Feb. 1st 1864

My friends,

I do not feel as if I were addressing a stranger, I have heard your name called so often - it is dear to many of our sturdy farmers whose sons are engaged in the noble work of independence.

I have come before you, presuming, to ask a favor of you, if it is possible in your power to grant it. It has been many a long week since I have heard from many of my friends in Dixie. I have written a letter which you find enclosed in this. I thought perhaps, you might find some means of conveying it through, ^{or} you may be you could send it to Parola to Mr. P. Ball, of Capt. Henderson's scouts - or Lieut. S. Carmain, of the

Co. I visited our army when
stationed at Shelbyville Tenn. but
have known little about it since
that time. Will you be so kind
as to send my letters if you can
without injury to yourself. Oh, I
would be under so many obliga-
tions to you.

I would be glad to hear from you
in fact, if I may tell you I have
quite a desire to know you & to
see you.

You have read of the expedition
to Jackson - that ruined this
country. My father is left with
almost nothing - but we expect these
things. I suppose Memphis & vicin-
ity has suffered immensely.

Yours &c
Cassie Miles,

100
Mr. J. P. Edmundson

Care of Mrs M. L. Gallaway
Cherokee
Miss

St. M^r. R. Wallace - Paola Co
Feb'y 4th 1864

Dear Belle;

I rec^d you begin to think as I am so long answering your note that Major Crump brought that I have forgotten entirely. But you have been to "Dixie" and know when you get to frolicking that writing is the last thing we want to feel compelled to do. And that has been my fix. There were so many in the house and were so pleasant. I was afraid to go off, for fear some one would say something I would not hear. But all of them are gone now, and I have plenty time to write. He was anxious and did expect to start up home Monday. But we could not get "passes" and there is no telling when we will, but don't be uneasy or look for us until you see us, we are doing very well. No one allowed to go up now but the courriers. By the way Capt Sam Henderson was here a day or two ago, and sent his best love to you and for also Capt Tom. Mr Herbert came this morning. I was so much in hopes we would get a letter, with the facts connected with Jack's disappearance. Father told us nothing.

Eddie and Darrell are in the same Brigade and under "Chalmers." Eddie's house is almost completely ruined since that "scout" on the river, but I believe, Saml^l McConnel has given him another. He heard this morning they were fighting at "Granada." but I don't

HEAD-QUARTERS 16TH ARMY CORPS,

Memphis, Tenn.,

Jan. 23 1864

Guards and Pickets,

Pass Bearer, *Mrs B. Edwards through lines*
tomorrow, and return.

BY ORDER OF

Major-General S. A. HURLBUT,

Good for 13 days

T. H. Harris

Assistant Adjutant General.

Miss Belle Edmondson

Acad Memphis

Term⁴

H? 2nd Paraola Feby 7th 64.

Dear Miss Belle,

Your several notes have been rec^d. & I am very much obliged to you for them. have been so continually on the move can't now respond. We left your sisters at Mr Walaces. I was hurried off by with Genl. Forrest, & did not get a chance to say good bye to them, which I much regretted - Say so to them for me. We are here, but how long we will remain is uncertain. The enemy are advancing from Vicksburg, also up Yazoo, & I have sent Scouts to Greenwood. Should they come down in front we would have to move, but I don't think they will come this way, but go by Okolona &c.

St. M. Connell has not returned from Miss Bottom yet. will go up in your section if possible when he returns. We had a gay time at Walaces & wished often that you were there. I send you late Southern paper. Give my best regards to your Father & family

Your friend truly
Thos. Henderson

N.B.

These pants suited me finely & I am a thousand times obliged to you for getting them.

H.

know that there was any truth in the report or not.
Your friend Major Crump has been very kind and
attentive to me since his return from "Elm Ridge"
and I think him quite a nice pleasant gentleman.

I am seeing quite a pleasant time. This is one of the
nicest places I ever saw, and the family are always so
pleasant with each other. Your come by and
stopped to see us a few minutes yesterday. I don't hope
~~anything more than~~ that he will leave his place
with Major Strange, and I think he will. Fate fixed
up all your things in one big bundle, and sent
them on to Dr. Hones, by Col Polke, just as soon as
she got your note. Will Horn was here last night
but "Bob" has gone to "Europe". Judge Clark is down
here at Mr Briggs. I have not seen him yet.

I wish you would please write to me all about
home, everything, how the negroes take father's leaving
and just everything that would interest you. Don't
be uneasy about us, we will come home as soon
as the "lines" are opened. I have been writing all
day and am so tired I can't write any more
now, and then there is nothing to write, or at least I
am afraid I shall write something that I ought
not. I will say this much don't look for me, until you
hear all this commotion, "fighting and rumors of
fighting is over". Give my best love to all and
please write soon. Accept the love of your
Affectionate sister
Helen

Miss Belle Emerson

Shelby Co.
Tenn

Cousin Belle

I am going below to-day;
you can send your package over by
Cambridge. or if convenient you have
perhaps better bring it over yourself.
If you think advisable you can if the
(weather permits) take it as far as Col
Porter as I will be there by 12^o to day.
Please send late papers =

I am most Respectfully
A.C.C.

Feb 28th 1864

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Miss Belle B. Mendenhall
at Home

Miss Belle Edmondson

I.

Alma Moret 30
69

Miss Belle

If you could not succeed
in getting the things out of Memphis
if you will send the money to Mrs
Garrett at Tardis by the first safe opportunity
she will send it to me, if you have
not been successful in getting the things
the money will not pass now in
I am very sorry I troubled you, but
rest assured I shall ever remember the
favor & hope to have the pleasure of
doing as much for you. Major P. tells me
he received a letter from you but you
did not say one word to me

Mrs Jones & Miss Martha are still in Mobile
were well & having a nice time, My love
to Mrs Dr. Cormick if you see her

Yours sincerely

Mrs Geo Hudson

○
If you have gotten the things
Mrs. Rogers will bring them to me
she is at her mother Mrs. Lakes
near Mrs. Claytons



Poulton Co Miss March 9th 64

My Dear Belle

As it seems to be your good fortune to be the benefactress of the soldiers in general I have a very great favor to beg in behalf of a noble hearted young Missourian, it is impossible for him to hear from his home, or to let his Mother hear from him he & two ^{of his} brothers came with Genl Price to this state, both his brothers are dead & his parents think that he too may be dead will you kindly arrange to have this letter which Major Alben will give you mailed for me, and have the Postoffice watched for one directed to me, and whenever there is a chance send it on & I will forward it. do dear Belle do it if you please. You will have to furnish a stamp for which I will be greatly obliged

Mollie & the children were well a day or
two since. Give my regards to to your
Father Kate & all of they are at home -
Tell Betty Mother is very greatly obliged to
her for the coffee she sent & will not soon
forget her for it she often talks of how
kindly Betty used to nurse her. and sends
this poor lone dollar in greenback all
she has and says she wants the worth
of it in coffee also. sent by the first chance
her health is very feeble and she is very
childish at times about her coffee.

I am in haste as Major Allan wants

Your friend Sue A. Baynes

Miss Belle Edmondson

Kindness of
Maj. Allen

Memphis
Tenn

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To W J Burkin

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Memphis March 15th 1864.

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Miss Belle Edmondson,

"Elm Ridge,"

"By Scout"

Jenn.

Miss Bill Edmonstone

Wayside Hospital
Schnaalla
March 29th 64

My dear Miss

Allow me to thank
you most sincerely for the
favor you have done me
in forwarding my letters, and
sending answers in return.
Though a rough soldier
cannot probably properly express
his thanks for such un-
interested kindness. let
me assure you that an
impression is thereby made
on his heart and soul
which cannot easily be
erased.

I gladly avail myself
of your kind offer to
send other letters through
for me. The one to Dr

status I enclose with this.
I have asked him
to forward some money
to me. Will you be so
kind as to send a note
with the letter telling
him of the safest plan
for doing so.

He is a true southerner
man -

Mrs. Gordon is very well.
Pray excuse the liberty
I have taken in address-
ing this note to you

Very Respectfully

Joseph S. Leonard
Long Way side
Hospital

Miss Belle Edmundson

from Amanda

Drawn by
Mr. Garland
of the Escort

Bellevue, Ala. March 30th 1864

Miss Ben Chapman

My dear friend, Your very kind & welcomed favor of the 10th Inst. was received a few days ago with inclosures to Dr. Leonard & —, which were delivered, & forwarded as directed — I assure you a letter never was received in a more opportune moment than was yours, for I don't think I was ever before more thirsty & hungry for a letter than I was when yours came to hand — A thousand thanks for your efforts to hear from my wife on my account, though I am happy to be able to say to you that I have been more fortunate than you as I have received 1/2 doz letters from home within the last two months by flag & twice — My wife has been confined to her bed for the last six weeks with inflammatory rheumatism & was hobbling about on crutches when last I heard from her which was about a month ago — I am glad you did not send the ring & other things — hope you will just keep them until you get a first rate chance by some reliable person going through to St Louis and then you can send them to Mrs J B Demos in with verbal instructions to forward by safe hands

from St Louis to my wife - I am glad you wrote me
about Mrs Dr Scott, I will write word to The Dr
about her safe arrival at Memphis -

I have had some success in matters about which
I told you and expect to accomplish more soon
and know that I leave your good wishes -

I hope you will remember me kindly to Miss Ann-
ie Perdue - I intend to write her soon - Tell her
that her friend Harry in the Trans Miss Dept was
well when last heard from - I wish you had
written me something about the note you sent
me to be forwarded to, I took it in person to the
office immediately after it was received -

I wish I had some news to write you; but I am
writing in great haste & with my mind full of
business, and all together I am well aware of the
fact that I am writing a very uninteresting letter
We have no news here, every body, and every thing
buoyant & hopeful, all our armies in fine condi-
tion & spirits & we expect a glorious campaign
this summer & spring & perhaps the end of the
war within the present year with our independence.

I am a candidate for Congress with good chance
for election, if you see any of Mr Callough
make them promise to vote for me - write
soon & believe me very truly your friend
Thos H Price

Miss Bell Edmondson
Near Memphis
Tenn

H. J. Jackson Cay Geo
Benton Miss Mar 31/64

Esteemed Lady

If you have succeeded in
getting any articles for me please send
them by Mr Greenleaf or at any other
time by safe hands to my wife at
Sardis Miss care Capt J. H. Obgood there

Yours with high respect

J. J. Thomas
May 10

Miss Bell.

What having
an opportunity to call for
the articles purchased
for my sister. I should
be greatly obliged if you
would deliver them to
the bearer. They have
been very successful
in the city and are
now on our way
home. If ever you come
down our way I would
be most glad to see you.
The acquaintance so
pleasantly formed
will claim a visit from
you.

Most Respectfully,

Wm. Chadborn

April 4th 54

Oxford Mich. 24. 1864.

Dear Miss Belle,

Your package & letter & also Mrs D.'s letter came safely to hand & shall be forw^d by first opportunity, we have no mail facilities as far as Mobile now. I can't learn where Capt George is, heard that he did not accompany Genl. F. I sent you one Southern paper by Mr Pope, & two old ones now, all I have seen since I left Panama. I have no reliable Southern news. I spent a day last week with Capt Sam & his good wife & children, she is delighted with the selections you kind Ladies have made for her & family, & tries to express her gratitude in accompanying letter to Miss Joe, in which she sends a few money orders, I fear we Hendersons, & Scouts are giving you all too much trouble, will have to take some one of us for pay. I for one am ready to reciprocate or pay up, any way in my power. Call on Mr Harberh for the money to pay for articles ordered. Lt. McC. is up with Genl. F. hope & believe with his ten men will do good service. Again let me thank you for the many papers sent. Genl. McC. report is really good. With kind regards to Mr. Patten & all the family, I am
Yr true friend Thos. Henderson




Memphis April 17th - 64

My Dear Husband

I have just heard of
an opportunity to send out a letter
and as usual, eagerly embrace it -

Two months have now elapsed since
my return home but still not one
word from you - In the past week
we have received six letters from
the girls, - Florence, Shall, Sallie, Ella
and Sallie R and not one of them
mentioned your name!

I do not know what to think - I
only feel miserable and anxious,
since that terrible shock in Mobile.

God and my own heart, only know
the feeling of isolation and desolation
that has weighed  my heart down -

I have only given way, once - when
Hurlbut ordered me to give up my
home and I thought my children
would be beggars - for a while I could
only shed bitter, bitter tears, but my
self reliance, which has now become my
chief characteristic, showed me that I
would never do to submit timely -
I must make a vigorous effort to
keep the little all that was left -

I succeeded in getting a suspension
of the order, and in the meantime
have taken two Federal officers, with
the wife and two children of one to
board with me and so, I hope, the
matter is compromised -

While this sentence was still hanging
over me, another order was sent me
to deliver up the carpets belonging to
Genl Williams's persons, which I of course

obeyed (like my slave) and feeling
sure they were now acquainted with
every article in my possession, I
did not know what trouble would
come next — This was soon followed
by a letter from Mrs. Barnett, demand-
ing that I should pay her half of
Amanda's wages, as "upon reflection"
she had concluded it was not right
to let her live herself — That threw me
into a new disturbance for several days
for, aside from the inconvenience it would
put me to, I felt indignant at the order.
I concluded to pay no attention to it
after telling Amanda and finding she
had no idea of giving up her "rights."


So I have now more settled down
into a quiet state of existence, endeavor-
ing to keep a good boarding house, and
make "both ends meet" — But I shall
succeed is yet to be proved, for taking
the house just as she had been found

Misses Reef Command
St. Thomas

up for the month left me with only
\$75 - that I had from the other rents, to
begin on and I have had to borrow
\$50 already. I have Dr Summers & family
in the front rooms & having had a door
cut for their convenience between them
& Mr & Mrs Goodwyn in the three front
& Mr Leach & Mr Triplett in the back,
while Dr Swin occupies the back parlour
and I & the children the second story
back room & nursery - You see I have
entered into the matter, just as if
you were here and interested in my
arrangements.

Mr Triplett told me yesterday he would
here to find another place as it was
too fatiguing for him to mount three
pair of steps - he gave up the room
down stairs for Dr Swin as he preferred
that and could dictate:

I find them all very agreeable and
perfectly respectful, so what I felt to be
a hard necessity proves rather pleasant.

Altogether their board amounts to \$410
which would seem quite sufficient
to defray all  expenses, but the
prices here now almost equal
Confederate prices and I had to hire
an extra servant, besides giving out
my washing and boarding, and
much more to a man of Dr Summers.
Our family only numbers twenty two! —
with the prospect of an addition.

I suppose by this time Ella is a
happy bride — I should have dearly
loved to be with her on the eventful
occasion and I trust she will be
as happy as she deserves, which is ^{the} best
wish I could make for the best of girls.

I sent her a package of clothes by
Mrs Samier who went ^{to} Mobile — I have
regretted so much that I did not
get out some for you before the wedding.
what did you do?

I hope it will not be long before I
receive one of your good long letters

latter returned Mr. Ayer was thrown
from his buggy and badly injured -
He sent word to Mrs. A. but as she
was too sick to go Laura went
with Mr. Triplett in a buggy down
to see him - they returned yesterday
having found her a much better
& better. Mr. Triplett went out in an
easy carriage to bring him home.
He is certainly very kind hearted.
He fell in love with Laura and begs
me constantly to court her for him
but, of course, she doesn't reciprocate.
He thinks she is previously engaged.
Lennie Pickett has gone South, with Mary
Winfield Jackson - her mother has been
very ill since she left, but is better.
I saw Mr. Griffin & Martha Bradford
a few days since they were very well.
I intend going out there tomorrow.
She is very busy getting Lottie's dress
made by Mr. Carroll to Montreal

This week - Mrs Corroll at last succeeded in getting a permit for him to come in and she is going with her children to join Gen L. C. in Canada.

Losie's letters show a great improvement in her writing & composition since she went there - she says Mrs Porterfield (an old friend of mine) ~~thinks~~ she looks exactly as I did when at school in Nashville.

It seems as though Spring was never going to smile upon us here - the wind whistles now like Winter and we still keep up big fires.

The children all have dreadful colds & Kirk & Cal have sores on their face & hands, showing impurity of the blood - I sent them to Dr Brown who prescribed Potash & a salve, which has arrested the spreading of the eruption, in three days.

Turner brought an excellent monthly

Selma Ala April 5th 1864

Miss Bell

Dear friends


I have time to write you
only a word by Mrs Chesbely who starts in a
few minutes - I send a letter to Miss Annie
which I wrote last night in answer to one
just received from her - I did not know
when I was writing it that I would have
an opportunity so soon to send it - I wrote
you about a week ago - no news here -
every body in good spirits & looking for
active times in a military way very soon
& if we can keep up our good fortune for
a short time we think we will soon have
peace - I heard Maj Hunt say a
day or two ago that your Brother Jimmy
had sailed safely from Wilmington & was
by this time in Europe - he has received
letters from Nassau is my understanding
write me by first opportunity - Miss Annie
said that a friend of hers would leave
for St Louis in a few days by whom
my package could be sent & that she
would attend to it & in connection with
you - May God bless & protect you

Believe me very truly yours
in great haste Thos J. Davis

Lerner and Kirk still go to school
and improve rapidly - They send
much love to "Pa" and "wish
he would come home".

I look forward to some distant
day when perhaps you may return
and take your place as the head
of the family, but that eager hope
that sustained me so long, has
faded out and I am quietly recon-
ciled to my lonely life. -

Kirk was teasing me yesterday to
have a trap door cut - so he could
go up in the roof for pigeons and
when I told him I could not afford
it, he said "when Pa comes and
makes some money I will get him
to have it cut" - So they often talk
as if they expected great pleasure when
"Pa" returns - God grant they may
be so blessed! Mr. Lyles & Mr. Wright
went to Trinidad last week & after the

Altogether their board amounts to \$410
which would ~~seem~~ quite sufficient
to defray all  expenses, but the
prices here now almost equal
Confederate prices and I had to hire
an extra servant, besides giving out
my washing and boarding, old
uncle John & a man of Dr Summers.
Our family only numbers twenty two! —
with the prospect of an addition.

I suppose by this time Ella is a
happy bride — I should have dearly
loved to be with her on the eventful
occasion and I trust she will be
as happy as she deserves, which is ^{the} best
wish I could make for the best of girls.

I sent her a package of clothes by
Mrs Larnier who went ^{to} Mobile — I have
regretted so much that I did not
get out some for you before the wedding.
what did you do?

I hope it will not be long before I
receive one of your good long letters

reassuring my doubting faith - alloy-
ing my fears and telling me all about
dear Ella and the other loved ones.

I do need some thing to cheer me
up - I am growing old with care.
As I read the girls' letters, overflowing
with mirth, happiness & excitement -
I envied the feelings they enjoyed.
And it recalled a time when I too ^{was} light
hearted and happy.

Besides my anxiety and distress about
you, I have an ever-present trouble in
seeing how Papa does - He is more de-
pendant upon me now, than I upon
him and things grow worse every day.
If he made any money in that
auction business no one can tell what
went with it - Ma paid all house-
expenses with the board she received
and all that has been sent to the girls
was from the money for which her
house was sold - that has been exhausted
now, so I have no idea where they will

get any clothing - he does not seem
to give it a thought and did not know
we sent the few articles by Laura Mar-
tin. Of course she is unhappy and
denies herself every thing - Mr & Mrs
are staying at Sue's until they make
"other arrangements" - no one knows what
they will be - I hope the girls will
not leave before they receive his
letter advising them to remain -
They would be miserable here.

We heard from John a few days since
he was in the neighborhood at Capt C's
he sent him some clothes, as those
she sent a month since were never
delivered to him - \$50. lost to her.

He was very well & contented.

The town has been in great excite-
ment over Forrest's raids and every
preparation made to defend Memphis.
The taking of Fort Pillow & the blockade
for a few days raised the price of
provisions enormously.

We have received invitations to Lemme
Cous & Mr Fountain's wedding - at the
First Presbyterian Church, the 21st April
Capt Cook was married to a Miss Buchanan
an (a friend of Martha Bradford) at
Calvary last Thursday - Genl. Humboldt
gave away the bride & had a reception
for them that evening for which
occasion the carpets were taken.

I attended Church this morning - it
was crowded as usual & plenty of Parkies
A. G. Smith walked home with me
he says he intends to write Sallie a long
gossiping letter - Ma's from her came
last evening - dated the 24th March.

Sallie intimated that she intended
to get married, to whom? I will
see that her dress is sent, if he is a
clever man and able to provide for
her. I wish Florence & Thull would
do likewise. Dr Soumain has just
come in & says the river is blockaded
by the Rebels above & below - that
looks threatening.

him. Hernando is awfully dull
to Lillie, & she wants to leave her,
but where else to go is the question &
how to get any where. Our school is
very small & unprofitable & the people
cold & inhospitable, but I am disposed
to stay. Lillie wants to go to Mobile.
I never hear from my mother & sister
though I sometimes hear of them. Mr
Ward & his daughters came out of Mem-
phis last week. They say Eliza Rawlings
has married a widower with grown
daughters. Mr White brother in law to
the Yankee fellow she was engaged to
before the war. Write as often as you
can, & persuade Neddy to write. I am so
disappointed that he does not. I persua-
ded him to buy a pistol here as he
had not a good one, & to give me three
of his money to buy him a horse, but
have not heard of one worth buying
within the compass of my means with-
out trenching on your investments, which

I want to keep for bad times. I
wish you had sent me the other to
keep for you too; if you can get along
without it, for as you say it will do
to keep, & something may turn up
suddenly to make you & Neddy need
it. I am afraid the drawers & under
shirts I sent you won't hold out long,
but I shall make some more by the
time they are gone. I thought you had
better wear them out than have new ones
yet. I have some light calico shirts now
for you & shall make you some more
white ones. Have you heard any thing
of the fate of Miss Hudson? I feel
interested in her for the sake of her civility
to you. God bless & keep you, my precious
darling boy, my good, dutiful, affectionate
son. May his grace ever keep you what
you are now to your idolizing

Mother.

Tell Neddy to write to us. I am afraid he
will cease to love his Mommy & sister
if he does not write sometimes.

Lieut. W^m S. Pope
7th " Gen. Cavalry
Col. Duckworth—
Gen. Foster's Command

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as the best I can for her
I had a note from Cousin
Mr. who says of course the
unfortunate affair places
her in an unpleasant
situation, but will not affect
her intercourse with the
family and marriage can
separate her and Hagar
from us. She said Mrs.
Perkins had just been there
talked and cried all the
time about Fannie, seemed
almost heart broken. Cousin
Mr. said if she had not
known better, she would
have ^{thought} from her fair
representations of the case
that she was a deeply
wronged woman. That
words vengeance on her
late days she was
denied that day on

she would have taken Robert
she declares she will have
him yet.

Alas alas she has brought
much anxious dread among
us, and poor Fannie I
can but deeply sympathize
with her in this trying position.
I don't think any one
could possibly condemn or
think her course unmar-
table. I haven't heard a
word of disapprobation.

We hear that Dashiell was
wounded I trust if not
seriously. with a safe
opportunity he will stand
his brother! Eddie Miller
are here but if we can
only get them to him
We can you inquire for
Eddie and George's safety.
They are in this glorious

campaign in Virginia
Get glad they may be
spread through it. All we
hear from all the boys
Father says tell Brother
we must send Aunt
Patsy's servants as per
of orders immediately
if possible. Tell Brother
John Bowles told me he
would get his Harness
for him, but that I must
do collections of money for
him as I hoped I might
give much love to all my
friends - I hope Lima liked
her bonnet all our known
much love to her - tell her
to remember her promise
to visit. if Kate Helen & Sammie
are with you much love to
them and ask them to visit
Tell Kate all her things I

Mobile June 20th 1864

My dear friend.

I heard the other day that you were on your way South but as you have not visited us so I conclude there must be some mistake but I hope such is not the case. Miss Shallen has gone to Marion to pay Harry M. a visit. Misses Sallie & Harriette are here with Mrs Jones. They intend leaving this week for Memphis stopping on the way at several places. They are looking anxiously for you & Miss Rogers. Mobile is so dull that it is almost unbearable and to add to ones misery the weather is very warm. We are having a good easy time, but little to do and all of us provided with any amount of lady friends who are very kind to us. I devote my attention to refugees and I find it so very agreeable. Miss Bell there is nothing to write about that I could risk as near Forest's friends. He should claim them as his own.

Remember me kindly to your father & sisters and tell my little friend Miss Annie Loftin think of her & hope she will soon return.

My ~~trip~~^{visit} to you was interfered with and I shall try to make it good one of these days. I have been anxiously expecting to hear of our packages but have just begun to suffer for the want of it. but I know you will get it here as soon as you can. I have laid aside work to write this but it can't wait longer. The train has just come in. Goodbye and may God bless you my good friend

Yours sincerely
D. F. H.



Mr. C. H. Fackler

Clonah

Ga.



Miss Belle Edmondson -

Care - R. W. Edmondson -

Columbus

Miss -

Please forward
if necessary

& oblige -
Helen C.

Chen Bridge June 26th 1864

Dear Belle

According to promise I will now attempt
a note to you, knowing if nothing more of interest
you would care to hear from Father.
The life has been truly quiet here since you all left.
Dad looks lonely so we all feel many times just his
~~moments~~ quiet. Father has not been well, he has
had two or three Chills but to ~~be~~ with grand doses
of Quinine has thus far kept it off. I trust he will
come to his usual vigor. Three of our Scouts were here
this morning Mr. Rutland, Mayfield & Palmer. They
brought us but little news. Rutland is a fine
young man. Johnny Armstrong got here Sunday
and brought the letters which we were glad to
to get the first we had heard since you all left.
Johnny looked well but poor old Mary looked
terribly. The Gankes came out early morning
this last week until Friday, Monday our Scouts
had been gone but five minutes when they came
thru. Thursday they came immediately after
the Gankes were gone. The Gankes boldly confess
that Forest whipped them exhaustingly and
some say Stringer sold his troops to Forest, but
Father told them "not a bit of it". They did us no
harm and they were of the terrible 5th Kansas.
Father said he was gone out. I'd have money upon
our brave Southern Bays child and save them
them with this dreadful savage cease &
I hope you will make sufficient apologies
to Father's people for my neglecting their things
then most nothing of neglect, but an error
yours that I've made. All this kindred with much

How how grateful we were for the Comfort or Matress
and how grieved to hear the Garretts had taken
it from old Mr. Hagerman by the time he
reached Lindley Hobbs's. I will attend to her other
things as early as possible - Remember much love
to all my friends there -

Lama sends much love to you and says she has done all that you told her and that she is trying to change herself. That Giddy Ann has recovered her health. The ~~Monday~~ day after you left I ~~started~~ the Hermit and back of cleaning the socked room. five hard days work. I tell you list things accomplished and will do by sun light

I hope Helen liked her gown although I
 sent out one word to myself from her
 Tell Mary I've written to her several times
 I hope she will find some time to reply
 I will write to her again next week
 Since writing the above Mr. Kim over to see
 Mr. Seymour, told that all were well and
 Mr. Clayton gave me a letter to send to her
 which I have done by the Scouts it was
 not from any of the family. He said tell you
 all if you could wait two weeks longer he
 could come and go with you to ~~Albany~~
 Among this he said, on the 21st so you
 may know how long to wait if Mr. Clayton
 is a minute man. I should think you
 might wait very pleasantly in old Fort
 We are anxious to hear from you again
 and hope you will be prompt and write

Hernando May 22nd 1864

My dearest son,

I did not write to you by Neddy because I was too busy getting up clothes for him, & repairing the deperidations in your last summer's stock which I should have done during the winter. Lily is quite well again. Do not disturb yourself about her little illnesses they never amount to any thing. The day after Neddy left I got out some fine blue cloth for your pantaloons. I am afraid it is a little too dark, but it is pretty and good. I am at a loss what to do about it whether to try to make them or send you the cloth, am inclined to the latter as you can have them cut to fit By the same person who brought the cloth I had a letter from your father. He seems to be in better health, & said something of taking a sea voyage in the fall. We are

of course quite mystified. I think we
had better try to get him out here, though
how to manage it I cannot think. He has
done nothing at all since I left there.

He wrote to us of the death of Mr Holmes
Louisa's aunt. She died at Louisa's
house of apoplexy on a visit. A strict
blockade exists now, & all communication
with Memphis is suspended. I came
in from Henrietta's to day, having spent
Friday & Saturday nights with her.

She must have a lonely dreary time there
& I do not think her situation safe at
all. She has no servants but Tamar
& Bob, both dishonest & utterly unreliable.
Her brother has never taken any notice
of her at all, & Martha is away
teaching school in the bottom. I have
never heard or seen any thing of Mrs
Jones or Miss Emma since I left their
house. I shall try to go & see them
this coming vacation. Mr Jones had a
son married recently - Rufe they call

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Mrs Belle Edmondson
Memphis
Tenn

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